

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox River Summit Program

## Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

See Website for more details at [2026 Program Speakers](#)

7:15 AM	<b>Registration-coffee/tea/assorted small danish &amp; muffins, juices</b>
8:00 AM	<b>**Welcome and Introductions**</b>
8:10 AM	<b>State of the Fox River Address</b> --Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox River
8:30 AM	<b>Fabulous Fox! National Water Trail-updates</b> --Karen Miller, Kane County /Jeff Mengler, Hey and Associates, Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
8:50 AM	<b>Paddle for Parks: 2025 Fabulous Fox National Water Trail Challenge</b> --Wally Werderich, Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation/ Michael Kies, St. Charles Park District
9:10 AM	<b>Aquatic Plant Management in High Quality Waters &amp; Wetlands in the Mukwonago River Watershed</b> --Brian Miner, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
9:30 AM	<b>Reconstructing Historical Nearshore Nongame Fish Assemblages in Southern Wisconsin Glacial Lakes</b> --Dave Marshall, Underwater Habitat Investigations LLC
9:50 AM	<b>Break-coffee/snacks</b>
10:10 AM	<b>Fox River Watershed-Based Planning Efforts in Lake County, Illinois</b> --Jacob Jozefowski / Sharene Gould Dulabaum, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
10:30 AM	<b>Surface Water Chloride Conditions and Trends in Southeastern Wisconsin</b> --Tom Slawski, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)
10:40 AM	<b>The ABC's of RCPP – Oak Conservation for Private Landowners</b> --Tommy Gunn, American Bird Conservancy
11:00 AM	<b>Cover crops, pay or not?</b> --Jim Stute Ph.D., Certified Crop Advisor, Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
11:20 AM	<b>Protecting Delavan Lake with Partners</b> --Brian Smetna, (retired) Walworth County Land Conservation Department
11:40 AM	<b>Fox-Illinois TMDL: Findings and Approaches to Reduce Nutrients and Sediment</b> --Eric Hettler, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch break</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Protecting What We Share: Relationship-Driven Strategies for Advocacy Success</b> --Mila Marshall, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter
1:30 PM	<b>Economic Benefits of Conservation</b> --Matthew Winden, UW-Whitewater
2:00 PM	<b>Native Bee Life Histories and Conservation in the Fox River Watershed</b> --Dr. KC Carter, Illinois Natural History Survey
2:20 PM	<b>Fireflies: Precious Jewels of the Night</b> --Brandie Dunn, Xerces Ambassador
2:40 PM	<b>Break-coffee/snacks</b>
3:00 PM	<b>eDNA Data from the Fox River</b> --Yoel Stuart, Loyola University Chicago
3:20 PM	<b>Nippersink Creek Rebirth and Renewal</b> --Steve Byers / John Peters, Friends of Hackmatack and McHenry County Conservation District
3:50 PM	<b>Fox River Valley Dam Removal</b> --Art Malm, Friends of the Fox River
4:10 PM	<b>Carpenter Dam Botanizing</b> --Susanne Masi, Friends of the Fox River
4:30 PM	<b>Social/informal time</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Raffle/Adjourn</b>